Import of Gas

259. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to import gas from Myanmar, Indonesia, Qatar and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof country-wise and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fulfil the gap between demand and supply of petroleum products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Myanmar, Indonesia and Qatar are possible sources of natural gas/LNG. Accordingly, the Government is examining the feasibility of importing natural gas/LNG from these countries.

(c) The current gap between demand and supply of petroleum products in the country is being met through imports. Government has also taken several measures to augment the indigenous production of oil and gas. Government has also allowed private investment in the oil refining sector to increase refining capacity in the country. For improving the supply of LPG and Kerosene, parallel marketing of imported LPG and Kerosene at market related prices has also been introduced by Government.

LPG Connections on the Recommendations of MPs and others

260. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG connections granted to consumers on an out of turn priority basis (i) on the recommendations of MPs (ii) others and (iii) of his own during the current financial year with regard to U.P. and Rajasthan; and

(b) what are the details of MPs who have recommended for such connections over and above their stipulated quotas/ coupons alongwith the number of such accepted recommendations during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have issued orders to the LPG Marketing Companies to release 123219 domestic LPG connections on out of turn basis during the period 1.1.1995 to 31.12.1995. These connections have been sanctioned on the requests of individuals and recommendations of public representatives, including MPs and Ex-MPs in urgent and deserving cases at the discretion of the Government. The efforts involved in compiling the information as to whom these connections have been given and at whose recommendation will not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved. Out-of-turn LPG connections are not given on State-wise basis.

डाक घर रहित गांव

261. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने कतिपय राज्यों के उन गांवों के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया है जिनमें इस समय कोई डाक व तार घर नहीं है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी राज्य वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन राज्यों के सभी गांवों में डाक व तार घर खोलने का विचार रखती है;

(घ) आज की तारीख तक किस-किस राज्यों ने इस संबंध में प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किए हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार को ऐसे गांवों में डाक व तार संबंधी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए